



# HOUSE DISTRICT 54A

*In your district, where do the candidates stand on important issues?*

## Your Candidates



Erik Mortensen (R)



Brad Tabke (D)

### ISSUE 1: GUN SAFETY

*Do the candidates support common sense gun safety measures?*

**Erik Mortensen (R)**

**NO**

Mortensen supports allowing individuals to carry firearms without criminal background checks or basic weapons training.

Source: Facebook, Rep. Erik Mortensen, 6/23/22; Erik Mortensen at Online Townhall, 1/13/21

**Brad Tabke (D)**

**YES**

Tabke helped pass expanded background checks and red flag laws. Tabke also passed legislation to provide local police departments with bulletproof vests and safety equipment.

Source: <https://tabkeformn.com/issues/>

### ISSUE 2: WOMEN'S HEALTH

*Do the candidates support access to women's healthcare?*

**Erik Mortensen (R)**

**NO**

Mortensen supports outlawing abortion and certain types of birth control.

Source: Facebook, Rep. Erik Mortensen, 1/22/20, 5/2/22

**Brad Tabke (D)**

**YES**

Tabke is pro-choice. Tabke opposes efforts to criminalize abortion and birth control in Minnesota.

Source: <https://tabkeformn.com/issues/>

### ISSUE 3: ELECTIONS

*Do the candidates support our election system and voter rights?*

**Erik Mortensen (R)**

**NO**

Mortensen allied himself with election conspiracy theorists and voted against a resolution that voiced support for free, fair, and democratic elections.

Source: Facebook, Rep. Erik Mortensen, 8/10/21; Bring Me the News, 1/26/21

**Brad Tabke (D)**

**YES**

Tabke says he wants to secure voting rights for all Minnesotans and advocates for additional government transparency.

Source: <https://tabkeformn.com/issues/>; Twitter @BradTabke

Candidates' positions are often more complicated than "yes" or "no." We have done our best to represent each candidate in a fair and reasonable way within that framework, but encourage you to seek out additional detailed information on these and other issues.

We hope this information is useful as you make your choice in this important election!